

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 – 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Five "One Minutes"</b>		

**\*\*Members are advised that the House is expected to vote as early as 9:15 a.m. on the Omnibus Appropriations Act.**

**Complete Consideration of Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to [H.R. 2029](#) with House [Amendment #1](#) – Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Rep. Rogers (KY) – Appropriations).** This Omnibus package contains FY2016 funding for federal agencies under all twelve Appropriations subcommittees.

The Omnibus appropriates \$1.067 trillion in base discretionary budget authority and \$73.7 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding, pursuant to the two-year, Bipartisan Budget Agreement that replaced a portion of the sequester after passing the House on October 28<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The product of negotiation, this Omnibus package rejects numerous high profile, controversial riders put forward by Republicans, including delaying or rejecting Syrian refugees, changes to Dodd-Frank or to the Department of Labor Fiduciary rule, restrictions on the EPA’s Clean Water Rule and Clean Power Plan, further limits on a woman’s access to contraceptives or a woman’s right to choose, efforts to roll back protections for American workers, and scores of others. Under the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, an additional \$66 billion was used to increase investments in Democratic priorities.

The measure extends the World Trade Center Health Program through 2090 for first responders and survivors of the 9/11 attacks, while also funding the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victims Compensation Fund for five additional years by increasing H1B entry visa fees and biometric entry-exit fees. It also contains a two year delay of the “Cadillac Tax” which would impose an excise tax of 40% on health plans whose value exceeds \$10,200 for individual coverage and \$27,500 for a family. Also, it would provide for a one year delay in the Health Insurance Tax (HIT).

The Omnibus contains a bicameral compromise bill on cybersecurity, which will help crowdsource cyber threat information between companies and the Department of Homeland Security to better defend against hacks and protect private data. The bill makes improvements upon the House bill passed earlier this year. It also contains the compromise text of the Intelligence Authorization Act for 2016.

The Omnibus also includes a provision making commonsense improvements to the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) to better determine that individuals entering the U.S. through the program do not pose a security risk, while maintaining the program’s ability to facilitate legitimate foreign business travel and tourism to the U.S. This bipartisan provision passed the House on December 8<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 407-19.

The Omnibus falls short of supporting Puerto Rico’s ability to restructure its debt, though the bill provide for an increase in hospital reimbursement rates and would also make Puerto Rico hospitals eligible for incentive payments for meaningful use of Electronic Health Records under the HITECH Act.

Additionally, the Omnibus contains a provision that will remove restrictions on the export of crude oil from the United States except in limited circumstances and increase the authorization for Maritime Security Payments to U.S. flagged vessels. It extends the wind energy Production Tax Credit for five years (2015-2019), with the credit reduced by 20 percent in 2017, 40 percent in 2018, 60 percent in 2019, and ending in 2020, and also extends the solar Investment Tax Credit for five years (2017-2021), with the credit reduced by 20 percent in 2020 and 40 percent in 2021, and applies the credit to those solar projects that have commenced construction in those years. The measure also reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a three-year period, and authorizes a new ocean conservation program for the same duration.

As of yesterday, the House has completed all debate on the Omnibus Appropriations Act. **Members are urged to VOTE YES.**

**Postponed Suspension (1 bill)**

1. [H.R. 2241](#) – Global Health Innovation Act of 2015, as amended (Rep. Sires – Foreign Affairs)



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"The spending and tax package presents a challenge for [House] Speaker Paul D. Ryan, Republican of Wisconsin. Rank-and-file Republicans have generally opposed spending measures in recent years, forcing House Republican leaders to rely on the votes of Democrats to keep the government financed and open. Mr. Ryan has pushed for greater Republican unity and has sought to increase the participation of rank-and-file members in decision-making as a way of bringing more votes on board. It seems unlikely, however, that he would be able to approve the spending measure solely with Republican votes."

- New York Times, 12/14/2015